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SUBJECT: CODEL ROBERTS

1. REP. RAY ROBERTS (D-TEX), CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, WILL TRAVEL TO EUROPE DECEMBER 12 THROUGH 27 TO INSPECT AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND BRIG. GENERAL JOHN DONALDSON, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF EUROPEAN OFFICE OF AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CODEL'S SCHEDULE, WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS. CONGRESSMAN ROBERTS IS AUTHORIZED USE OF LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 FUNDS UP TO EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION (IF REQUIRED). HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS. FUNDS SHOULD BE DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:
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(A) CODEL WILL ARRIVE MILDENHALL AIR BASE AT 0730 VIA MAC ON DEC 12 AND WILL BE DRIVEN TO HOTEL EUROPA IN LONDON. REQUEST CONTROL OFFICER MEET CODEL AT HOTEL AND DISBURSE 19FT510 FUNDS FOR THREE DAYS (DEC 12, 13, 14).

(B) CODEL WILL DRIVE TO SOUTHAMPTON AND TAKE AUTOFERRY TO LE HAVRE AND THEN DRIVE TO CAEN WHERE IT WILL STAY AT HOTEL MALHERBE DEC 15, 16 AND 17. DEC 18 CODEL WILL DRIVE TO PARIS AND REMAIN THROUGH DEC 20. WILL STAY AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL. REQUEST CONTROL OFFICER ARRANGE DISBURSEMENT FOR SIX DAYS (DEC 15 THROUGH 20) TO COVER STAY AT CAEN AND PARIS. SUGGEST CONTROL OFFICER MEET CODEL AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL.

(C) CODEL WILL DEPART PARIS ON DEC 21 FOR VISIT TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG AS FOLLOWS:
DEC 21 AND 22: BRUSSELS (HOTEL METROPOLE)
DEC 23: LIEGE (HOTEL RAMADA)
DEC 24, 25: LUXEMBOURG (HOLIDAY INN)

REQUEST CONTROL OFFICER IN BRUSSELS MEET CODEL AT HOTEL METROPOLE AND DISBURSE FUNDS TO COVER STAY IN BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG (FIVE DAYS: DEC 21 - 25).

(D) DEPART LUXEMBOURG FOR FRANKFURTON DEC 26 AND REMAIN THERE THROUGH DEC 27. ON DEC 28 DEPART FOR U.S. VIA MAC AT 0900. REQUEST CONTROL OFFICER FROM CONSULATE GENERAL DISBURSE FUNDS FOR THREE DAYS (INCLUDES DAY OF DEPARTURE) AT HOTEL. WILL CABLE NAME OF HOTEL AS SOON AS KNOWN.

2. REQUEST POSTS ADVISE DEPARTMENT NAME OF CONTROL OFFICER WHO WILL DISBURSE FUNDS. ROBINSON

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